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LECLERC et al.

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For: ADJUVANT VIRAL PARTICLE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION / AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated December 20, 2005.

## In the Claims:

1-19. (withdrawn)

20. (currently amended) A method of potentiating an immune response against an antigen comprising one or more B-cell antigenic epitopes and/or one or more T-cell antigenic epitopes in an animal, said method comprising the step of administering to said animal ansaid antigen and an effective amount of an adjuvant, wherein said adjuvant is a papaya mosaic virus (PapMV), or a virus-like particle (VLP) derived from comprising PapMV coat protein or modified PapMV coat protein or modified